10-14-93

Valley Star

Volume 46, Issue 6 | Los Angeles Valley College | Van Nuys, California | October 14, 1993

Officer saves student's life in parking Lot E

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Valley Star Staff Writer

The maligning of police officers for failure to protect and serve the community has become commonplace since the Rodney King beating and subsequent trials involving LAPD officers. There has not been a focus on the positive work of individual officers serving the community because of the negative image of the entire police corp centering around Darryl Gates and the two officers convicted of violating King's civil rights. At Los Angeles Valley College, a Los Angeles Community College police officer saved a student's life and his story stands out in these days of police malaise.

On Friday, October 1, LAVC police officer Basilio Landeros pulled a student, who was passed out from an epileptic seizure, from his running car in Lot E and called the paramedics who transported the student to North Hollywood Hospital.

"There was something plastic stuck to the muffler and there were toxic fumes coming into the student's car," said Officer Michael Habicht, who arrived to the scene after Landeros. "It was a life and death situation and if Landeros had not reacted as coolly and calmly as he did, the student would have died."

Landeros received a call from community service that a student was passed out in his car with his motor running. He arrived to the scene on his police cart and noticed the student's foot was stuck to the gas pedal.

"I was thinking the car was going to catch on fire," Landeros said. "I knew he was having an epileptic seizure when I got there."

Observing that both of the car's doors were locked, Landeros said he considered using his baton to shatter a window to open a door. Instead, he said he grabbed a slim jim and pried the lock loose on the first try.

Landeros turned off the car, put it in park and then laid the student on the asphalt. From there, the paramedics arrived and transported the student to the hospital.

"He did a fantastic job and in his own way, he is a hero," said Habicht.

Later in the day, Landeros received a commendation from Captain Karl Traber citing that Landeros' "prompt response to the call, presence of mind and prompt action may have been instrumental in saving a life."

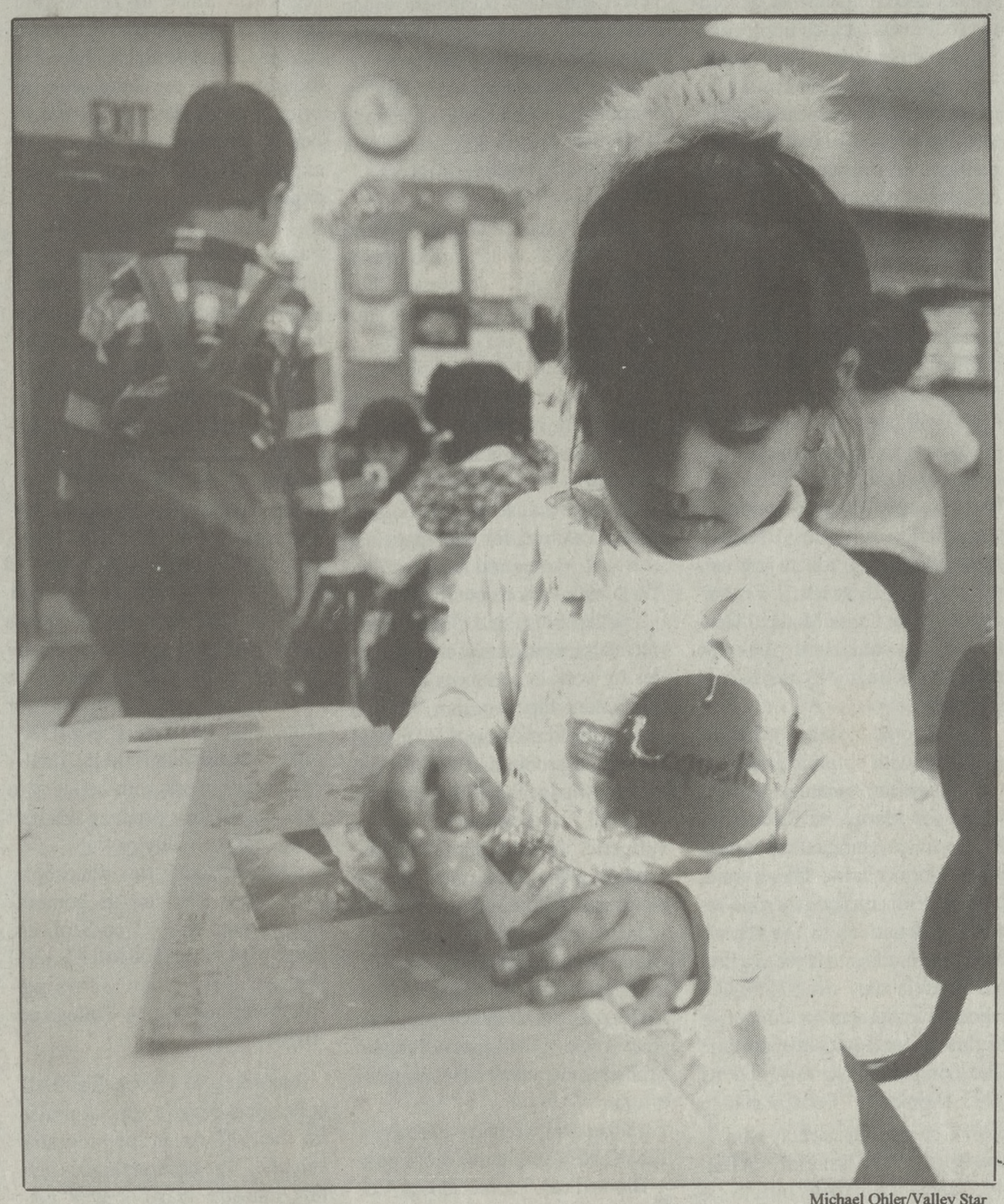
Landeros has been with the LAVC police for three and a half years after graduating from the Rio Hondo Police Academy. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1981 and afterwards worked as a teacher's assistant at Bellmont High School when he was asked to test for the Los Angeles Community College Department of police.

He said he always had an interest as a law enforcement officer, stemming back to the days when he used to work in his godfather's grapefields in Bakersfield.

"I was always fooling around and he'd get mad," Landeros said. "So I'd tell him that one day I was going to be a CHP officer just to show him."

In his three years here, Landeros said the October 1 incident was the first time he was involved in a life and death situation.

"It feels good to do our job and help students and staff," Landeros said. "That's mainly our job."



Michael Ohler/Valley Star

Jacqueline Kechedzian puts the finishing touches on yet another masterpiece

Teachers fight to re-route money

By LIZ BARRETT
Valley Star Staff Writer

A meeting was held on Oct.6 at Mission College to discuss the possibility of setting up a savings account which would allow the proper allocation of funds back into the district, meaning money in teachers pockets.

Refunds totaling in the millions have been pouring back into the Los Angeles Community College District by health plan carriers for years. But, none of the money seems to make it back to the teachers and going without a raise in three years has put them in an uproar.

A motion was passed by the Board of Trustees which states that all refunded moneys shall be put into a separate account and then distributed as the board sees fit.

"All we are asking for is the money that belongs to us," said Carolyn Widener, Chair of the District Benefits Committee.

A chart put out by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) shows that in this year alone, more than $2 million were refunded into the district, and from 1985 until the present, nearly $10 million have been refunded.

John McDowell, treasurer of the AFT College Faculty Guild said, "We are fighting for the good of the district. Teachers' morale goes down a little more each year that they do not receive a raise."

Elizabeth Garfield, a member of the Board of Trustees agreed that employees need to have a sense of security in their jobs.

Widener brought forth three reasons why the refunded moneys should be directed to employees salaries: "First, employees have already made their contributions to educational programs. The district told them that because of rising health care premiums there

See MONEY/Page 3

Grievances, parking tickets handled by new Supreme Court

By Betty Lousararian
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Associated Students Supreme Court just established for Fall 1993 will now reside over issues including campus parking violations and disagreements between students and teachers.

Rather than spending a day in the Van Nuys Municipal Court, school parking violation disputes will be held in Humanities 107 on Tuesdays and Thursdays with members of the student Supreme Court, administrators, and teachers present.

Students unsatisfied with the Court's decision may have their case re-tried in the Van Nuys Municipal Court.

The Student Supreme Court was quick to warn against those attempting to abuse the system by simply using it as a means not to pay their fines.

"The Campus Police will function primarily to hear those cases in which honest mistakes have been made, not to create a free-for-all in the parking lots," said Associate Justice James Goudy.

The Student Grievance Committee within the Supreme Court will cover cases applying to disagreements between students and instructors. Such discrepancies may be over a grade given to a student or a problem of harassment.

Grievance cases will be held confidential outside of "those directly involved," according to Chief Justice Padua.

"The Court is not going to work without the support of the students," said Padua, "if the students have any ideas how to make this better, I am open for whatever that idea is."

Newly appointed members of the Supreme Court include Associate Justices, Dave Emerson, James Goudy, Clarice Chavira and Shannon Calland with Ben Padua serving as Chief Justice.

Professor says sexual harassment policy unclear

By TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE
Valley Star Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 7 Lawrence "Chuck" Jorgensen, Professor of history, made a statement to the Academic Senate of Los Angeles Valley College with regard to a charge of sexual harassment filed against him on September 9. The charge was filed against Jorgensen by an unidentified student regarding an alleged statement made by the professor on August 24 in a classroom of approximately 60 students.

In his statement to the Academic Senate Jorgensen said, "This situation is making me feel like the miner's canary in the old West Virginia coal mines, this whole P.C., or Politically Correct, issue is more like a mine field. You just don't know where to step, or where the next explosion will come."

Jorgensen, who has been a professor at Valley College for over 30 years, went on to say, "I had to wait five days to find out the specifics of the charge, for the notice

See HARASSMENT/Page 3

This week's highlights

DISABLED STUDENTS READY TO FIGHT FOR BETTER POLICIES:

Disabled students are unhappy with many of theschool'scurrentadministrative policies and are organizing to make changes.

See page 5

VALLEY ASKING FOR $1 MILLION:

The College Academic Affair will request from the District an increase of $ 1 million in the school's budget when they meet withChancellor Donald G. Phelps, Oct. 28.

See page 3

Kim Smith/Valley Star

Moshe Kotlor, Julio Torres, Hezy Umoh, using new equipment

New equipment, more space coming to BET

By RICHARD MENNA
Valley Star staff writer

A simulated operating room and intensive care room will be created in the physics building room 110 as part of expansion of the Los Angeles Valley College Biomedical Equipment Technician (BET) program.

It should be completed in time for the Spring semester and is expected to be especially helpful because it will allow students to deal with equipment problems in a more realistic setting, Oliver explained.

According to Oliver, an especially noteworthy aspect of this improvement is that it is the result of medical industry largess. Not only was the concept developed and rooms designed by industry professionals without cost to the college, but also various companies have donated equipment with a total value of more than $250,000, said Les Atles.

Atles is the Chairperson of the college's Biomedical Advisory Committee (BAC) which he said is "the driving force behind the program."

The BET program has been in existence for over 20 years, and Atles, who is an LAVC graduate, said, "It's one of the most well known programs. We've had visitors and engineers from across the world come because historically LAVC has taken a leadership role in biomedical (equipment) technician training. It's now the premiere program in the state."

The President of the California Medical Instrumentation Association, George Panyarachun, who is also a BAC member, agreed that the college has a top-notch program.

BET program offers opportunity for Valley students

By RICHARD MENNA
Valley Star Staff Writer

If Los Angeles Valley College had an official "Adopt-A-Program" campaign like Cal-Trans' "Adopt-A-Highway," the college's Biomedical Equipment Technician (BET) program would be an ideal example of how successful such partnerships can be.

Because of efforts of local medical industry leaders, the BET program is not only thriving with more than 70 students, but also graduates are finding excellent job opportunities, said Tom Oliver, LAVC's dean of academic affairs. "We have full classes, good equipment, excellent teachers and good placement," he added.

The "good placement" especially pleases participants like ex BET student Dave Paulus, who said, "The internship program got me my job at Northridge [Medical Center as a Biomedical Technician]. I think it's a good program."

The situation was depressingly different, however, only a few years ago. According to the November, 1992 issue of "Affinity", Marquette Electronics' newsletter, enrollment was down to less than 15 students, course selection was inadequate and it appeared that the college was going to pull the program's plug despite having offered it for 20 years.

To help the college redefine and revitalize the program, the California Medical Instrumentation Association (CMIA), "Affinity" says, assembled a committee of experts who formed a Biomedical Advisory Committee (BAC).

Committee members are CMIA President, George Panyarachun, Les Atles, national biomedical advisor for Marquette Electronics; Nick Lewis, director of clinical engineering at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; Vigen Esmailian, director of clinical Engineering at UCLA Medical Center; Malcolm Gregg, biomedical engineer at Verdugo Hospital and Tom Oliver.

The committee helps establish the curriculum, select textbooks and instructors, set goals and act as liaison to the medical industry. Because committee members fingers are on the industry's pulse, "their help is invaluable," said Atles.

Some of the BAC's more noteworthy accomplishments, according to Oliver, include implementing an innovative "team-teaching" approach to classroom instruction, establishment of an internship program involving local medical centers and arranging equipment donations which Atles said are worth several hundred thousand dollars.

Much of the equipment is earmarked for what may be their most ambitious project - creation of a simulated operating room and an intensive care room where students will be able to deal with problems in an environment similar to real job settings. "This would be the next best thing to working in a hospital," said Merv Breeze, a recent program graduate now employed as a Biomedical Technician at Holy Cross Medical Center. Oliver said he expects the rooms to be ready by the Spring semester.

Oliver credits Atles, a LAVC graduate, with obtaining many of the equipment donations. Atles works for Marquette Electronics Inc., a major biomedical equipment supplier who, Oliver said, has been especially generous regarding donations to the school. Indeed, according to Atles, the firm has given Valley over $200,000 worth of equipment including two of their newest patient monitors. The company also awarded its 1993 Biomedical Scholarship to LAVC student Bruce Day who, in the April, 1993 issue of "Affinity," said " 'It's really nice to see a manufacturer working with a biomedical association and being able to provide student scholarship programs.' "

In order to make the complex and expensive operating and intensive care rooms a reality, BAC members have also tapped the generosity of other companies. Executone Inc. donated a nurse call system, Bear Medical Systems gave a $5,000 patient ventilator, Ohmeda Medical Inc. supplied vacuum regulators and Imed Inc. has infused more than $10,000 worth of infusion pumps into the program said Esmailian and Atles who added, " This is all equipment that they [students] will run into in the hospitals."

Atles said there remains however, additional equipment which the committee hopes to obtain soon; a hydraulic operating table, a newer anesthesia machine, and an electrosurgical unit. The latter is a handy item that "slices and sears - cuts and stops the bleeding all at once," he explained.

Another successful result of the BAC's involvement is the internship program it developed. Not only does it allow students to gain college credit for working in a participating hospital, but also provides them with hands-on experience in real-world situations. This experience is invaluable according to BAC members and participants because there is no perfect substitute for real patients, doctors, nurses and their interactions with various equipment.

Furthermore, said Oliver, BAC members correlate classroom studies to work experiences found in the internship program. Breeze said, "the knowledge that I gained in the classroom that tied in with the knowledge that I gained in the hospital [as an intern] was very valuable. I can't speak highly enough of the program." Breeze mentioned that he had just finished repairing an "infant warmer" which would not shut off. He said there had been no danger of it toasting a tot but indicated it was an example of the variety of repair problems encountered in an institution.

Likewise, Stephen Trainer a LAVC BET graduate who is now a Biomedical Technician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center noted that "The lectures were very helpful because they applied to the work I was doing [as an intern at Northridge Medical Center]." He also said he liked the networking opportunities presented by interning at the center.

Besides the correlation of classroom instruction to actual workplace situations, another of the BAC's innovative approaches involves the concept of "team-teaching," said Oliver.

Because the biomedical technology field encompasses many diverse and expanding subjects such as electronics, chemistry, physics and physiology, wherever possible, courses are broken into specialties with different instructors for each segment. Since instructors are usually currently employed as professionals in their fields, this technique permits the curriculum to bring state of the art expertise to bear on problems that students can expect to find in job settings, Atles explained.

Atles said he, Lewis, Panyarachun and Gregg have taught or currently teach parts of the program. In fact, Gregg said he has been teaching at the college for six years.

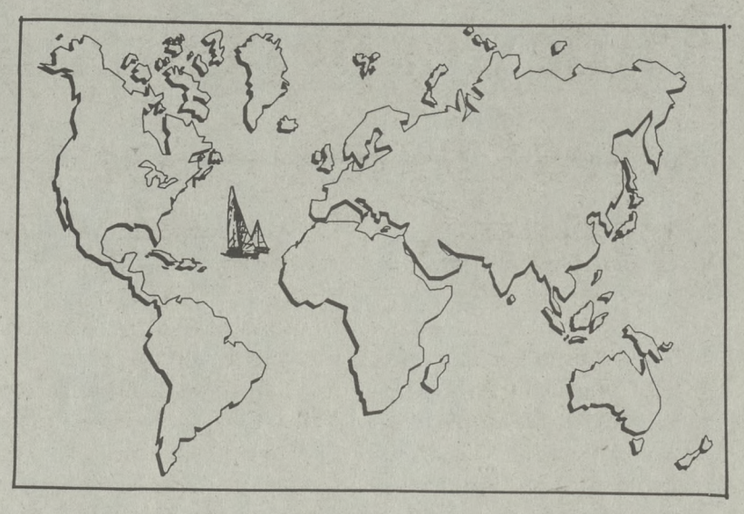
Oliver emphasized that committee members devote large amounts of personal time and energy to create the best possible BET program. Their dedication is partially illustrated by the fact that "they frequently must meet at 7:00 am to work on BAC projects," he said.

Of course, the industry expects to benefit from a strong BET program also. Nick Lewis said, "I see Valley College as a source for educating our future BMETs," and Panyarachun, said the CMIA "wants to work with colleges to make sure they produce the best techs for the industry."

Demonstrating this philosophy and again showing its commitment to the college, on Sept. 24, the CMIA gave $500 to the LAVC Patrons Association which supports various Valley College activities.

According to Oliver, his BAC colleagues deserve special praise for their efforts on the programs behalf. "The hardest thing is getting industry to work with colleges. A lot of times people don't want to, but you need industry or you're not going to make it," he says. Evidently the ubiquitous delays and other problems associated with college bureaucracies can be too frustrating for any but the most dedicated and determined business people, he concluded.

Confirming that the committee sometimes found procedures tedious, Atles admitted that he believes the committee's efforts would have been in vain without Oliver's tireless encouragement and deft guidance through the bureaucratic maze.



Columbus resails in murkier waters

By ROBERT FINKEL and ANDREW SAMUELSON
Valley Star Staff Writer

Christopher Columbus landed on San Salvador island sometime in mid-October, 1492. His plan of reaching India to open a shorter trade route and prove that the world was round "failed" because he ran into a couple of continents: what we now call the Americas, North and South. Last Tuesday, this nation remembered the Italian navigator who sailed under the Spanish flag and whose folly began the events that brought tens of millions of European immigrants to the "New world."

Except for Native Americans and a few exchange students who attend LAVC, every student-like it or not- owes their presence here to Columbus.

There is conflict over how to regard him: the civilization that was all but destroyed by marauding armies that came in the wake of Columbus, the "Native" culture, disputes whether he "discovered" anything. "We discovered it, so how could he?" To inhabitants of the "Old world", Columbus, despite his mistakes, found something that they previously did not know about, which was "destined" to become Europe's stomping grounds, as well as the test tube for the ideas borne of the "Age of Enlightenment" mankind's greatest accomplishment since the age of the Greeks, individual freedom.

There were atrocities visited upon the natives. American natural resources were gutted and taken to Europe. Cultures along with entire civilizations vanished with the arrival of Spanish soldiers on horseback. Because of these atrocities, critics diminish Columbus achievement.

But despite the removal and break-up of cultures because of European settlement, new civilizations have risen and they have offered a home along with individual freedom to millions.

As the Americas became infiltrated by Europeans, a new nation separated itself from European domination and created its independence nearly 300 years after Columbus' arrival.

The United States of America promised individual rights and freedom to the population. With vast natural resources to feed and employ its population, the United States has grown to be the most powerful nation in the world. Today, those original freedoms and rights are granted to everyone. While some people have been forgotten in the past, the nation's constitution today incorporates everyone.

An honest look back at the 15th century will show that despite how unfairly the natives were treated, the fact that the strongest force will survive (Darwin's law), and that the momentum of the industrial age had Europeans pushing any obstacle out of the way of "progress." Sooner than later, Columbus or no Columbus, the land that the natives discovered so much earlier was doomed to be taken away from them. Why blame Columbus?

Cross Cultures: an idea whose time has come

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

It's about time a club for all ethnicities, excluding no one, was formed. A club to bring cultures together, in more ways than just a location.

A club to be extrovert in nature, one that is a blend of ideas, music and the arts. The Cross Cultures club is all of these things. A physical manifestation of the one world one people idea.

The basic idea behind the Cross Cultures Club is to create a world community, where people from diverse cultures can come together to express ideas regardless of race, creed or color. The only criteria for membership is that you must live on this planet. The club meets Wednesdays in Humanities 102.

The Cross Cultures Club has the chance to be the hub of communication for all clubs, and non-bureaucratic in nature.

This is all a bit idealistic. Believing in the altruistic motivation to produce the altruistic result could be hoping for to much. Or is it?

However the idea merits more than just mere mention. the Cross Culture Club deserves to exist on the worthiness of idea alone. The cross culture concept is not a new one, but it now seems to be vogue.

The idea of cross culturalism in music has existed for quite sometime. Many musical projects such as Paul Simon and Lady Blacksmith Mombazo, an African musical group, Peter Gabriel and Pakistani singer Nazrat Fateh Ali Kahn, and Ry Cooders involvement with various Middle Eastern musicians are all successful projects far past infancy.

Music can blend cultures and still return to the identifiable elements of its roots. Music is the universal language. It is also the first indication of cultures beginning to blend together.

We can all hear and appreciate each others music much more readily than each others philosophies.

The entertainment media has also successfully crossed cultures. Take Japanese movie producer Akria Kurosawa's " The Seven Samurai", America has the "Magnicificent Seven". What came first, the samurai or the cowboy?

The flip side of this coin is that the conservative elements of the culture and society will blend last, with the most resistance. Government, religon, and politics will become the final targets for cross cultralization.

However, what is really relevant with this Cross Cultures Club is that we are here, in Los Angeles in 1993, where there are more cultures living together than you can count on both your fingers and toes.

The Cross Cultures Club has so much potential that is begging for development. It gives us a opportunity to learn from and about those round us. Learning about each other is the only way we can learn to live together in a more harmonious way. The idea of the Cross Culture Club is one from which we can all benefit greatly.

Letter to the editor

LAVC not in danger of losing 'Stafford'

Dear Editor:

In response to Joshua Ford's article entitled "Students may lose $$$$ aid", I wish to state that LAVC is not, at this time, in any danger of losing its eligibility to participate in the Federal Stafford Loan program.

Valley's current cohort default rate of 11.5 for the fiscal year 1991 is the lowest among the nine L.A. Community College District schools. Furthermore, our rate is 6% lower than the 17.5% national default rate for fiscal year 1991.

Our low default rate is the result of our ongoing effort and commitment to educate students of the consequences of borrowing. As long as our students will be responsible in repaying back their loans, we can all be assured that our school will be able to continue its participation in the student loan program.

Jeremy Villar
Financial Aid Assistant

Valley Star

CNPA JACC

Editorial and Advertising Offices
5800 Fulton Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91401
Phone (818) 781 1200, Ext. 275/276
Advertising Ext. 239

ACP Pacemaker Award Winner
S'67,S'70,S'73,S'74,S'78

ACP All American Honors Consecutive winners from 1954 to 1991

CNPA Prize Winning Newspaper:
'64,'65,'67,'68,'71,'73,'74,'75,'81,'85, '86,'87

Published each Thursday thoughout the school year by students of the Journalism and Photography classes using computers and Aldus Pagemaker.

SARY FORNARIS and ANDREW SAMUELSON
Editors-in-Chief

JULIE D. BAILEY
Advertising Director

DONNA RAMOS
Advertising Assoc.

Represented by CASS
Advertising Service
1800 Sherman Pl. Evanston, IL. 60201

News Editor.....Jose Lemus
Assoc. News Editors.....Joshua Ford
.....J. D. Wolverton
Opinion Editor.....Amanda Duchow
Assoc. Opin. Editors.....Jeanette Goldberg
.....Richard Menna
Entertainment Editor.....Tiffinie McEntire
Assoc. Ent. Editor.....Vincent Nicoletti
Feature Editor.....S. L Salamone
Assoc. Feat.Editor.....Robert Welsh
Photo Editor.....D'Andre Ford
Sports Editor.....Harold Brown
Assoc. Sports Editor.....Hovik Kazanchyan
Political Analyst.....Robert Finkel
Illustrators.....Leon Smith
.....Liana Semper

Newspaper Adviser.....Natalie F. Holtzman
Editorial Adviser.....Roger Graham
Photo Advisers.....Bob Crosby
.....Theodora Litsios

The college newspaper is published as a learning experience, offered under the college journalism instructional program, The editorial and advertising materials published herein, including any opinions expressed, are the responsibility of the student newspaper staff, Under appropriate state and federal court decisions these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, Accordingly, materials published herein, including any opinions expressed, should not be interpreted as the position of the Los Angeles Community College District, the college, or any officer or employee thereof.

✪ LETTERS ✪ LETTERS ✪ LETTERS ✪

The Valley Star welcomes letters from its readers. Letters will be published whenever possible. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist, or sexually oriented denigrations. Letters should be signed and include student's major and ID number. Letters may be dropped in the Valley Star mail box, Bungalow 25, by Monday morning for the following Thursday.

Valley experiencing financial woes; asking for $1,000,000

By J. D. WOLVERTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

All of the institutions in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) are currently experiencing a severe testing of their ability to perform basic educational functions in a period of drastic cutbacks in funding.

But LAVC has been hit harder than a number of its sister colleges because of its history of chronic underfunding from the District.

This view was set forth by Prof. Jack Sterk, Chairman of the LAVC Speech/Communications Dept, and Faculty President, in an Open Letter to the College Family, LACCD Chancellor Donald G. Phelps and members of the Board of Trustees that was published by the LAVC Academic Senate last August.

In response to Sterk's letter, Phelps will be visiting LAVC on October 28 to meet with the College Council. The open meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. in the President's Conference Room.

One of the main topics on the agenda will be the request by the Academic Senate for an increase of $1 million in Valley College's budget from the District.

The dire nature of LAVC's fiscal situation was highlighted by Sterk in his Open Letter, in which he states that "Valley College has become a debtor college. This dramatically shows up in the fact that Valley College has ended up the 92-93 budget year with a $135,000 deficit because the bookstore is in the red by over $200,000. This is the second time in three years that Valley has ended up in the red. The general budget has to make up this deficit over three years."

"We're in the hole we're in, not just because we managed to get there, but because we've been historically underfunded," Sterk said in an interview in his office last week. In comparing different colleges in the District, Sterk said "you have to look beyond the total enrollment of students, and focus on the total number of units they take."

Sterk noted, as an example, that while Valley has 1,000 more students enrolled than Pierce College, "they're slightly ahead of us in Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES). This calculation is based on those students taking a minimum of 12 units of classes, and is a key index used to determine funding.

"If you had 4,000 students taking 12 units, you could get paid as much as a college where 16,000 students were enrolled taking one unit," Sterk said. "The funding is not necessarily based on a head count."

Instead, funding is based on the Stabilization Mechanism adopted by the LACCD in the spring of 1992. While purportedly an equitable method of setting the budgets of colleges in the District, this device in fact "institutionalized Valley's historical under-funding," according to Sterk. This came about because of flawed data used to run the Stabilization Model that the Board of Trustees voted on in March of 1992, Sterk said.

"The Stabilization formula is not working as it was supposed to," Sterk said. "If we've cut back on our instructional program and we're still running a deficit, something's wrong."

Sterk's proposed solution to Valley's fiscal problem is for the District "to give us a million dollars to compensate us for all those years of historical underfunding."

"I see no reason why we shouldn't get it. I think we deserve it. It's just a question of how willing we are to go to the mat for it, and what we're willing to compromise," he said.

Money Re-allocation

Continued from page 1

was not enough money for raises, but they never saw any of the $10 million which was refunded. Second, the educational process is not good when labor relations are bad. 79 percent of all strikes concern health care benefits. Third, LACCD is way below in their salaries compared to other districts and its' employees are not being properly prepared for retirement."

Andres Torres, a teacher who has taught in the district for 30 years said that he can no longer be proud of the district in which he works. "We need more classes and more options for students."

President of the AFT, Leon Marzillier stated that raises for the teachers would improve every aspect of the educational process, including a better standard of learning for the students.

Power broadened with shared governance policies

ANDREW SAMUELSON
Valley Star Staff Writer

Every issue that has effected Los Angeles Valley College since December 1990, including which classes to cut, the allocation of campus funds, parking, etc., has gone through the Shared Governance process.

Shared Governance was passed by the State Assembly to broaden the power base in colleges to include faculty and students and not just administration.

In December, 1990, Los Angeles Valley College organized its version of Shared Governance to include: a College Council, an Institutional Planning Committee and eight committees which represent all the constituencies on campus and report to the College Council on a regular basis.

The power base in Shared Governance lies in the College Council. The Council receives recommendations from the committees and then uses a consensus vote (achieved when there are no more than two dissents) on determining which recommendations it will present to LAVC President, Dr. Mary E. Lee, who has the power to reject or accept any proposal brought to her desk.

As of yet, Dr. Lee has accepted all the recommendations that have been submitted.

"Members of the committees and the council have become very knowledgeable about the budget and therefore make recommendations in the interest of the entire college and not just their particular areas," Dr. Lee said.

From the top down, the power at LAVC starts with the College President who receives recommendations from the college council which receives recommendations from standing committees. Task forces and ad hoc committees are formed when needed and also give advise to the college council.

In every committee, LAVC students are represented by the Associated Students Union and in the College Council students are represented by the ASU President. Current ASU President, Don Graham, said that he has a "duty to protect students rights," when he is at College Council meetings.

Graham said that the attitudes of the Shared Governance chairs have been "very open to opinions and suggestions" that are made and added that "our vote does matter."

While students have been factored in the decision making process, Graham said getting representatives to committees sometimes is difficult because many work and attend class. Students have to work around these obstacles to attend meetings, while faculty chairpersons receive reassigned time from their teaching assignments to attend meetings.

Harassment

Continued from page 1

they sent me just says "a sexual harassment complaint," which can be anything from asking someone to go to bed with you, or whatever, in return for a grade, to groping, to --well-- a whole host of other things, down to the use of the infamous and apparently the most powerful four letter word in the English language."

The Professor of History released copies of the actual report filed to senate members at the October 7 meeting, as well as distributing and posting it around campus.

In reference to the report, Jorgensen said, "Part of what I'm concerned about is if you look at this complaint form, there is a whole list of things on it that you can mark if you feel you have been discriminated against, oppressed, offended or harassed..."

"Check the Color box," he said. "I was giving out a test the other night on Native American history, and half of the tests were printed on red paper and half on white, each with their own scoring key, so that every other student would get a different test. And I started thinking, am I now going to be accused of stereotyping because of the red paper, or a racist because of the white? I realize that that is stupid, but don't laugh. Because if you laugh, and a laugh is a speech, and the laugh offends somebody, then, you are guilty, too. That is where we are coming to."

"Well, what if you Politically Offend someone? There is no box for that, yet," he said. "But there is that one that says 'Other, please specify.' Today, it is me and 'Sexual Harassment'; tomorrow it could be you and 'other.' So that list of boxes can get longer and longer and longer."

Refusing to answer the complaint, Jorgensen neither denied nor affirmed whether he said "to an entire room of some 60 people, what the complaint form alleges. By answering this complaint, by officially responding to it, I would be raising the entire procedure to a level of dignity it did not deserve."

Jorgensen said that he wants the complaint filed against him taken off his file and that he wants a letter of apology from the district or from the school, which he wants published in an official place.

In closing his statement to the Senate, he said, "I'm not looking to punish anybody. I just want this procedure straightened out. I want a clear policy established, and in the establishment of that policy I want the victims of sexual harassment included as well as the victims of the false charges of sexual harassment. There has got to be protection for everybody."

The Valley Star would like to note that further investigation is in procedure with regard to this issue.

News notes

Handicapped Awareness Day: Wednesday Oct. 20, 9a.m.-1p.m. at Monarch Square. Guest speakers, food, fortune telling, and games. Proceeds will go to LAVC disable programs.

Hillel-United Jewish Students: The Hillel at Valley information number is (818) 887-5901

Philipino United Student Organization: PUSO meets every Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Humanities 103

Halloween Party: ASU Halloween costume party. Pumpkin carving contest. Cash prize. Thursday October. 28, Fireside room, 7-11p.m.

Physical Access Laws: A training workshop on physical access laws contained in ADA Americans with disabilities act and California Title 24 will be held at the Clausen Hall Student Center at Los Angeles City College from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 14, 1993.

Advertise
In The Valley Star

75% Of Students Are Employed Full Time
Approximately 35% Are Married
& 80% Have Their Own Car

Contact:
[818] 781-1200 Ext 239/275
Media Arts - Bungalow 24

Put Yourself On The Road To Success

SUPER SAVER.

Get a lot at a price that's not. Get Subway's footlong Cold Cut Combo. 3 kinds of meat on fresh baked bread stuffed with free fixin's. It's the Cold Cut Combo. At Subway.

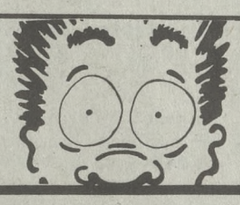
Only $ 2.63*

*With special discount card. Tax not included.

BURBANK & FULTON
(in the Kinko's Copy Center)

SUBWAY®

THE ONE CLOSEST TO CAMPUS



LOOKING FOR A JOB?

SEE PAGE FOUR

Secretarial Services
Perfect Circle Services
presents:
Word Processing Services
For Any Need
Resumes/Term Papers
Dissertations&Then Some!
From your hands to my hands to yours, in a perfect circle of accuracy, quality, and timely completion.
Tutoring Services
All Purpose English Tutoring Services
Offered by an experienced, trained educator & alumnus from CSUN's English Dept.
CALL: (818) 776-0310

INSURANCE WAR!
WILL BEAT ANYONES PRICES OR DON'T WANT YOUR BUSINESS.
SPORTS CARS,
MULTI- TICKETS/ACCIDENTS,
STUDENT DISCOUNTS.
Request "LAVC PLAN"
[818] 222-5595
[OR]
[213] 873-3303

Singer becomes one with music, receives standing ovation

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

Singing to a crowd of listeners in the Recital Hall, baritone Aram Barsamian undertook to holding his audience with commanding stage presence, while becoming one with his selection of tunes.

Thursday performance started with a classic opera and made a chronological progression culminating with American show tunes.

Barsamian accompanied by Mark Salters on piano, opened the show with three opera selections sung in Italian, written by George F. Handel.

Reading the English translation of the program, the audience understood each shade of meaning that was sung.

More serious moments had proper levity, wonderfully contrasted by the singer's mischievous smile in the comical routine of lighter moments.

Excluding confidence throughout his performance, 24 year old Barsamian seems to have a long career ahead of him. He comes off much more experienced than one would expect from his youthful appearance.

The song, 'Once Upon a Time', from the musical *All American*, written by Charles Strouse, drew watery eyes, which turned to laughter for the comical 'David's Aria' from *A Hand of Bridge*, by Samuel Barber. The show's finale earned Barsamian a standing ovation from the crowd.

Barsamian was born in Plovdin, Bulgaria. He graduated from Pasadena High School and studied voice at Cal State University at Fullerton with Jane Paul.

In 1992 he won the Metropolitan Opera Orange County District Auditions.

Daryl Glinn/Valley Star

Baritone, Aram Barsamian, accompanied by Mark Salters in last Thursday's recital.

"Gettysburg" recreates fateful battle

By J. D. WOLVERTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

The bloodiest battle ever fought on American soil is painstakingly recreated in "Gettysburg," a stirring four-hour film epic that recounts some of the most terrible days in the nation's history.

Fought 130 years ago, in July, 1863, near a small town in rural Pennsylvania, the outcome of this battle determined the course of the rest of the war. Having failed in their desperate gamble to force the North to sue for peace by invading its territory, the war would stretch on for two more hideous years before the Union, through its superior manpower and industrial strength, finally emerged victorious over the Confederacy.

Currently playing at area theaters, "Gettysburg" is based on Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Killer Angels." Writer/director Ronald F. Maxwell has assembled a superlative cast to play the roles of the battle's key commanders: on the Union side, Gen. John Buford (Sam Elliott) and Col. Joshua Chamberlain (Jeff Daniels); for the Confederacy, Gen. Robert E. Lee (Martin Sheen), Gen. James Longstreet (Tom Berenger), and Gen. Lewis Armistead (Richard Jordan).

As fine as these actors are in their roles, (and Jordan and Daniels are particularly outstanding) the film couldn't have been made without the assistance of five thousand Civil War re-enactors, men whose hobby it is to recreate the struggle's major battles in their off-hours, and who came from all over the country to participate in the filming of "Gettysburg." They brought their own period uniforms and weapons, as well as a devotion to the memory of the forebears on both sides who fought bravely for very different, and tragically incompatible causes.

The battle scenes of "Gettysburg" are impressively mounted - with the enormous advantage for such a film that they were allowed to be filmed on the conflict's actual site - but they lack the visceral quality that can be found in a film like "Glory," to cite a recent, and related example.

In a battle involving artillery and hand-to-hand combat, the impact of shell, bullet and bayonet on flesh is horrific. Heads and limbs are blown off, guts are ripped open, and whole ranks of advancing infantry are decimated in a hail of cannon and rifle fire.

But whereas "Glory" powerfully conveyed war's pitiless onslaught, "Gettysburg" - no doubt in the interest of "good taste" - holds back too much.

We see stunt men fly athletically in the air at the impact of a shell-burst, but these scenes lack verisimilitude as they're too cleaned up. There's a slightly unreal quality to them. Maxwell should have borrowed a page from Sam Peckinpah's "The Wild Bunch" here; his film would have made an even more powerful anti-war statement as a result.

This quibble aside though, "Gettysburg" is a notable attempt to put on film one of history's pivotal conflicts. It's greatest impact is made in the scenes between the battles, in which we get to know what's in the minds of the commanders who have maneuvered their armies to this fateful pass. They fully realize that thousands of men under their command will be slaughtered, often for dubious gains, but their rigid code of honor steels (or blinds) them against questioning it.

"Gettysburg" succeeds in establishing a link between a battle fought long ago, by men long since dead, and Americans living at the end of the 20th-century, whose society has been shaped in many profound ways by the war they fought then.

Arts and Events Calendar

For the week of October 14 to 18

Film: Valley Collegiate Players, Comedy Film Series - *My Man Godfrey*, starring William Powell and Carole Lombard in LAVC Little Theatre, Saturday, October 16 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission $3, students/seniors $2.
Valley Collegiate Players, Late Night Film Series - *Plan 9 From Outer Space*, "the worst film ever", starring Bela Lugosi, Tor Johnson, and Vampira, in LAVC Little Theatre, Saturday, October 16, 10:30 p.m. Admission $4 or $5 with earlier show purchase. For more information call (818)781-1200 ext.353.
IMS Filmex, *Salt of the Earth,* documentary directed by Herbert Biberman. Documents a small mining town in New Mexico in the 1950's. Highly controversial for it's time. Showing in Behavioral Science 101,, Wednesday, October 20, 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Music: LAVC Concert Series, *Los Angeles Guitar Quartet,* Music Recital Hall, Thursday, October 14, 11 a.m
Art: *LAVC Art Gallery Council,* fundraiser for art gallery; masks are being accepted October 18 and 19 in the gallery from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Masks will be exibited and made available for October 20 to 27.

TYPING 4 U
Turn Your Written Work Into a
TYPED PRESENTATION
ALL SCHOOL PAPERS, RESUMES, LETTERS, BUSINESS LETTERS, LEGAL PAPERS, MANUSCRIPTS & SCRIPTS
CALL: JOANIE
[818] 995-8520
Sherman Oaks

PHOTOGRAPHY
Headshots $50
Model Portfolios $75
Boudoir Family &
Executive Portraits
Bands Parties Events
ALL YOUR PHOTO NEEDS
In Studio or Location
WILL ALSO FREE TEST SHOOT WITH QUALIFYING FEMALE MODELS
Call: [818] 762-9115

HERE IT IS
WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FOR VALLEY STUDENTS
TOBAR 1HR. PHOTO
13324 Burbank Blvd. (818) 904-0580
- Daily 2 for 1 Special on 3 1/2 x 5 Prints
- Jumbo Prints Available
- Passport Photos 2 for $8

NEXT DOOR TO A FULL CUSTOM LAB THAT SPECIALIZES IN:
- Custom B&W/Color Printing
- E6 (Slide Processing)
- Prints from Slides
- Copy Work and More

OXNARD | FULTON | VALLEY | 1HRPHOTO | BURBANK
STAY WITH THOSE WHO KNOW PICTURES

SAVE UP TO $3.00!
$3.00 OFF 36 EXP.
$2.00 OFF 24 EXP.
$1.00 OFF 12 EXP.
Processing & Printing. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per roll. With coupon only.

SAVE UP TO $3.00!
$3.00 OFF 36 EXP.
$2.00 OFF 24 EXP.
$1.00 OFF 12 EXP.
Processing & Printing. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per roll. With coupon only.

TELEMARKETING
Guaranteed Salary Plus Commissions
WORK YOUR OWN SCHEDULE
American Tool & Supply
[818] 727-2444

CYCLISTS WANTED
Top Bicycle accessory firm seeks part time salespersons.
FUN
FLEXIBLE HOURS
GOOD PAY
and products that sell easily
CALL:
[818] 899-7705

JOBS JOBS
UPS United Parcel Service
Looking for an exciting and challenging way to stay in shape?
WORKOUT WITH UPS
United Parcel Service is now accepting applications for part-time positions loading and unloading packages.
Work 3 to 5 hours a day, 5 days a week at a fast-paced, physically challenging job. Instead of paying a gym, UPS pay you $8.00 an hour while you get the benefits of cardiovascular and weight training. You will be required to bend, stoop, climb, step, stand, turn and pivot your body while lifting and lowering parcels that weigh up to 70 pounds.
Work out with UPS to make money and stay in shape.
[818] 898-4289
San Fernando
MORNING SHIFT
4:30am - 7:30am
GRAVEYARD SHIFT
11pm - 2am

The tough aren't going to take it anymore

By ROBERT WELSH
Valley Star Staff Writer

Zack Slaton/Valley Star

Janet Apuzzo, disabled student, goes for a morning swim at the Los Angeles Valley College pool.

Disgruntled handicapped students are comming together in increasing numbers with a strong commitment to disabled rights. They may soon be a force for campus administrators to reckon with.

George Heath, student and commissioner of Handicap Awareness, an office of the Associated Student Union, does not have a noticeable disability. "At least until I take my glasses off," he said. "Then I'm in need of a white cane and guide dog."

For Heath, a 1977 graduate of Valley, it would have been easy to just blend in and forget about other people's problems. Instead, he spent 16 years working as a registered nurse, four of them exclusively with Aids patients, before returning to continue his education. "I decided to work with Aids patients when other health-care professionals began refusing to," Heath said.

Since his return, he has been instrumental in the fight for disabled people's rights on campus. With fellow ASU member, wheelchair bound Ben Padua, he helped charter the new Disabled Student's and Associates Club (DSAC).

As Handicap Awarness commissioner, he is a constant threat to the administration's stasis by campaigning for such nescessities as equipment in the disabled student's gym and for safer stairway markings to guide students in wheelchairs. Heath has no intentions of backing off.

"A person is far greater than the sum of their parts," Heath said. "People shouldn't look at the broken body; they should look at the person."

Heath does nothing to hide his militant disdain for budget cuts and Proposition 174. "Regulations shouldn't harm people," he said. If Proposition 174 passes, and private school vouchers become a reality, according to Heath, public schools will suffer tremendous financial losses. Unfortunately for the disabled, many of whom attend public schools and are on limited budgets, they will be stuck in these underfunded institutions, said Heath.

"I'm ready to participate in something that will really draw attention to problems that the handicapped face. You want to see an effective sit-down strike? Just wait until you've got a bunch of wheelchairs, then just try to move us," Heath stated.

Apparently, he's not alone in his anger. The DSAC signed up three new members just last week, according to Victoria Emerick, club treasurer.

On October 14, when the Student Executive Council meets with President Lee, Heath hopes to address some of the handicap's problems. "I'm going to tell her about the level of frustration out there. There is no air conditioning and no telephhone in the disabled students's gym. According to Heath, temperatures in summer can reach unbearable levels in the gym. As for the phone, Heath asked, "What if there is an emergency? They are currently using a portable system but it's just not dependable," he said. "We've been trying to get this phone in for years." he said. People are getting very angry," he said.

For Gary Granger, speech-communications major and inter-club representative, the DSAC provides a format. Granger is a quadripelegic. After nearly 40 years in a wheelchair, he has amassed a long list of personal horror stories. Once, back in his native Texas, health-care workers who had no real knowledge of cerebral palsy, institutionalized him with a group of mental patients, according to Granger.

Today, just the idea of anyone thinking Granger's "stupid" because he has a physical disability enrages him. Likewise to anyone who thinks he's not tough. "Anyone who thinks that handicapped people aren't tough should try living like this," Granger said. "Everyday is tough."

The disabled students are preparing for the upcoming Disabled Awareness Day on October 20. There will be a booth set up in the quad area to serve food and drink. Palm and card readings will be offered.

> "Anyone who thinks that handicapped people aren't tough should try living like this."

Q&A with Asian Concerns

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

Mike Oehler/Valley Star

Yusrika Octavianis has a mailbox in the ASU office.

Bringing various cultures together isn't always easy, but Yusrika (Tovia) Octavianis, commissioner of Asian Concerns, an office in the Associated Student Union (ASU), is striving towards the disintegration of cultural barriers.

A member of the Cross Culture Club, Philippino and Muslim clubs, she helps various peoples move toward common goals, to unite the community.

Born in Indonesia, Octavianis has been in the U.S. nine years. A professional Indonesian dancer and Miss Asian Pacific 1992, she speaks Spanish and fluent Indonesian and has close ties with the Indonesian consulate.

Planning to transfer to a university and earn a degree in international business, Octavianis has been a student at Valley for one year and presently works in the Testing Center.

Octavianis discussed various aspects of her position this week, during an interview from her office at the ASU.

Question: Do you think the needs of the Asian students in the community are being met?

Answer: Yes. My priority is to bring the Asian students together and be there for them. I have a mailbox in the ASU office and if students have any questions or need help they can let me know and I'll do what I can to assist them.

Right now I am organizing an Asian awareness day to have an exchange of ideas, fashion, art and food, so students might learn about the various groups of Asians on campus.

Q: Do the variious groups have different needs?

A: Different groups do have different needs, everybody is totally different, that's one of the reasons I'm active with the Cross Culture Club.

Q: America has traditionally been a melting pot of cultures. Do you think Asian students assimilate into this melting pot, or do they remain somewhat non-integrated in their various groups?

A: Everybody seems to have different attitudes. In my opinion, people that have been in America longer than others tend to fade away from their culture.

People should become part of America but not lose their cultural identity. With this office, maybe I can help people take pride in their culture as well as assimilate.

Some students would like to learn about their culture and organize events to exchange cultural ideas. People should be proud of where they were born and what they are.

Q: What do you think of interracial marriages?

A: I think race doesn't really matter. If you love the person, that's what's important. Most Asian parents want their kids to marry within their own race. I don't believe in that.

If you find somebody with the same religion, same race, that's fine. But if you don't happen to and you fall in love with someone who's from a different ethnic group it's up to you.

It's your future and I don't think your parents or anybody should stop you from getting your way where love is concerned.

Q: What if cultural differences should cause a problem with the relationship?

A: If you really love a person you could always learn about their culture, it's never too late.

Mike Oehler/Valley Star

Ben Padua wants to increase the level of student participation in government.

Courting student welfare

By CHANTELLE COHLER and JOSHUA FORD
Valley Star Staff Writers

His voice would raise half an octave from the passion for his work while trying to explain matter of factly the importance of his current endeavors and the lofty goals he has set for the future. His face would turn just a little red from enthusiasm as he hit the knob that spun his wheelchair around to address the questions face to face.

Supreme Court Justice Ben Padua, 25, is actively involved with student politics. As Supreme Court Justice, he and other members of the recently reactivated Supreme Court are handling student government violations. This includes violations of the Associated Students Union (ASU), violations of the Interclub Association (IACC) and the student senate and violations of the election code. They manage cases such as parking citations and student grievances.

"Student government is there to serve students," Padua said. It is because of this that Padua wants to increase the level of student participation in student government.

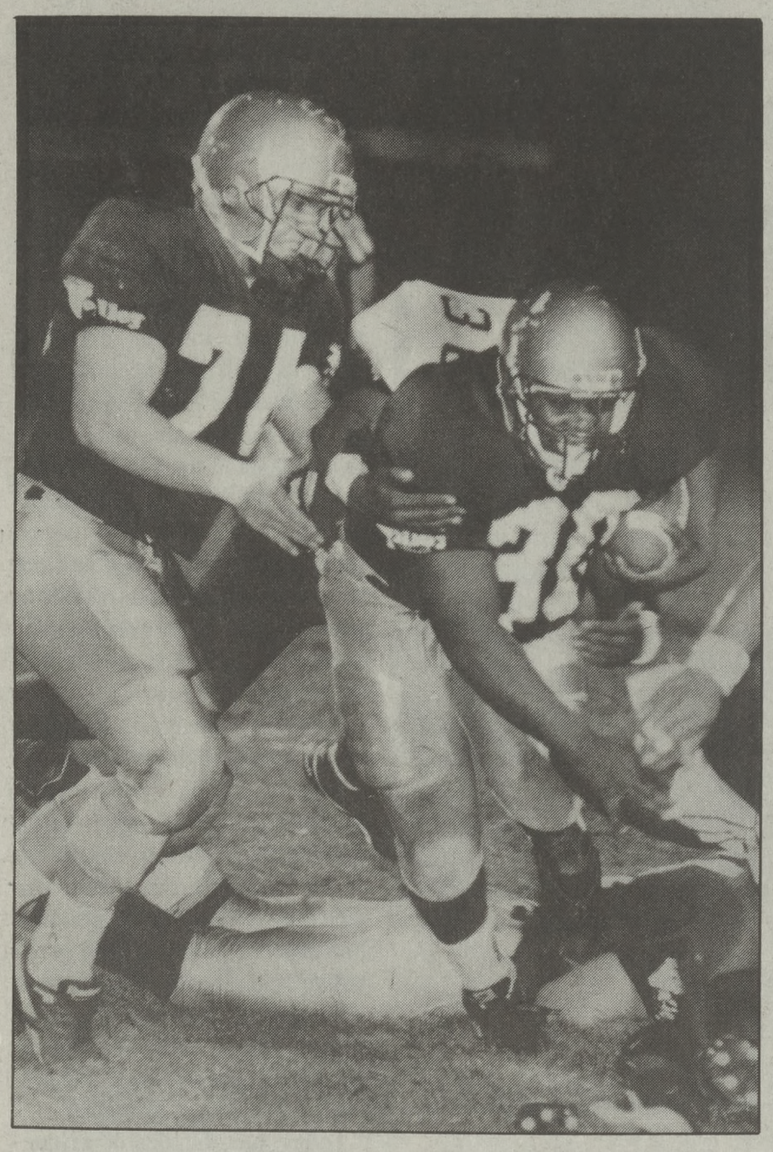
Founding Philippine United Student Organization (PUSO), Valley's Filipino club, was Padua's first step in his budding student government career. He served as the club's president before being approached by ASU to run for student office. Padua was elected ASU Vice President in the Fall of '92.

Padua is planning a career first in criminal law and then he hopes to return to his native Philippines and enter the world of politics there. Padua has a specific objective, to end the political corruption that has pervaded the Philippine government for years. "I know I have a lot to learn, but I know I can do something," Padua said.

He looks to his role models, scientific philosopher, Stephen Hawkins, (also confined to a wheelchair) and Eleanor Roosevelt for inspiration when he is feeling down.

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent," he said. This is what gets him through the rough times.

Right now he is concentrating on issues that concern students. He also looks forward to a day when disabled people will have access to all classrooms on campus.



Bob LaCattiva/Valley Star

Irving Carter finds a rare hole in the Seahawk line with help from (RG) Donald Bauer en route to the Monarch's 24-3 win.

Monarchs pounce Seahawks, 24-3, to remain undefeated

By Harold Brown
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Seahawks swooped too low Saturday night at Monarch Stadium: they were grounded and pounced upon by the Lions, 24-3.

The Monarchs had a more difficult time winning this week. More than the score board showed.

This game was a defensive -not offensive- struggle from the beginning more than anything else. This game could have or should have been choreographed by Lawrence Welk: one and two and three and punt. That's how it was most of the night. ''We struggled offensively and didn't do what we wanted,'' Coach Fenwick said, ''We did play better over all and play field position.''

Harbor fumbled the ball on the second series of plays at the Seahawks 28 yard line. Ole'! Three plays, Irving Carter ran five yards and scored the touchdown. Valley 7, Harbor 0.

The Monarchs missed another opportunity to add to the lead on an interception the next series.

After the Monarchs punted, the Seahawks presented the Monarchs with their best scoring opportunity all night. The Seahawks fumbled the ball into the end zone. James Norton, recovered for the Lions with 2:09 left in quarter one. Ole'! Now it's a 14-0 Valley lead and that's how the first quarter ended.

Damin Hurst, the running back was the highlight for the Seahawks in the quarter and the half, in fact for the game. He ran 51 yards from the Seahawks 25 yard line to the Monarchs 24 yard line. The run set up a 32 yard field goal attempt that sailed wide.

Let's add yet another moment of theatrics for this team this season. Harbor presented Valley with two more opportunities to score near the end of the half on fumbles before the Monarchs finally capitalized.

Eight seconds were on the clock. Valley punted, Harbor fumbled, and Valley recovered with 4 seconds left in the half. Ole'!

Tim Cronk kicked a field goal as time expired and the horn sounded ending the first half with Valley leading 17-0.

The first defensive test of the night came at the beginning of the second half. The Monarchs' defense slammed the Seahawks to the ground in their effort to score the touchdown from the Lions seven yard line following a blocked punt.

The defense shut out the Seahawks from scoring on their field goal attempt when it was blocked by Tim Milton. Ole'!

The continuing saga of the offense did have another dramatic event added to its memory book. A second consecutive blocked punt by Harbor at the Valley two yard line: Oops! But, Sean Fitzgerald saved the night he picked up the loose ball and ran it 48 yards to mid-field and a first down.

The Monarchs moved the ball down the field but they could not sustain the drive. The Seahawks' defense forced the offense out of its game plan most of the night.

A 25 yards pass from Fitzgerald to Brian Bernier for a touchdown gave Valley a lead 24-0 with 8:44 in the third quarter. ''I was hoping there was enough on the ball,'' Bernier said later.

Harbor scored a meaningless field goal in the closing minutes of the game to avert the shut-out. Quarterback Rino Marconi when asked the kinds of problems he faced against the Monarchs defense, he said, ''No comment.''

Harbor returned to action after a two week lay off following a brawl with Pierce College. Harbor was placed on administrative leave following the loss 23-0.

''It was a real good game,'' said Dondre Bausley, a 1987 Valley graduate, former running back and record holder.

Star athlete establishes high values and goals

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN
Valley Star Staff Writer

In 1993, when questions of values and morals are challenged by many of our leaders and elders, there would not be one to challenge those of Erica Reynoso.

Reynoso, last month's ''athlete of the month'' for running in the Monarch's women's cross country team, has views which are rare in today's society.

Reynoso was born in Sun Valley and started running in the sixth grade for fun. ''I never wanted to compete,'' she said of her early days of running, ''I ran for fun.

''When I'm angry or I have problems, I like to run. I feel like I can run forever. It's my way of releasing all my tension." She adds, ''I talk to God when I run, I hardly spend enough time with him.''

Reynoso also works and takes care of her family. ''After practice, I go to work, then at night I go home and hit the books.'' She said.

She is a graduate of Alemany High School, where she ran in her sophomore and junior years.

She takes 14 units here at LAVC and with work after that she says she does not even have time for her family, because she rarely has any free time. But when she does find free time, she likes to spend it with her friends little brother.

''His family doesn't have time for him,'' she said, ''he's always alone, so I like to take him to run with me or to play basketball.''

She also does a fine job on the track. ''Erica is a real dedicated and talented person,'' said volunteer Assistant Coach James Harvey, ''She has a 3.8 GPA and a big heart.''

Reynoso says that she has ''no social life'' with all that she does. She has no time.

''The way she [Reynoso] runs now is not a true test of how good she really is, said Harvey, ''She's a month behind because we started practicing late.''

"When I'm angry or I have problems, I like to run. I feel like I can run forever. It's my way of releasing all my tension."

-Erica Reynoso

She admits that now she approaches running in a slightly different way. ''Now, I'm very competitive.'' She said. And being named the ''athlete of the month'' attributes to that.

Reynoso says that her former friends criticized her for doing her homework and for trying to do the right things. ''They thought I was being too much of a 'good-two shoes.''' She said. ''I think that I'm a person with high morals and values, I value things.

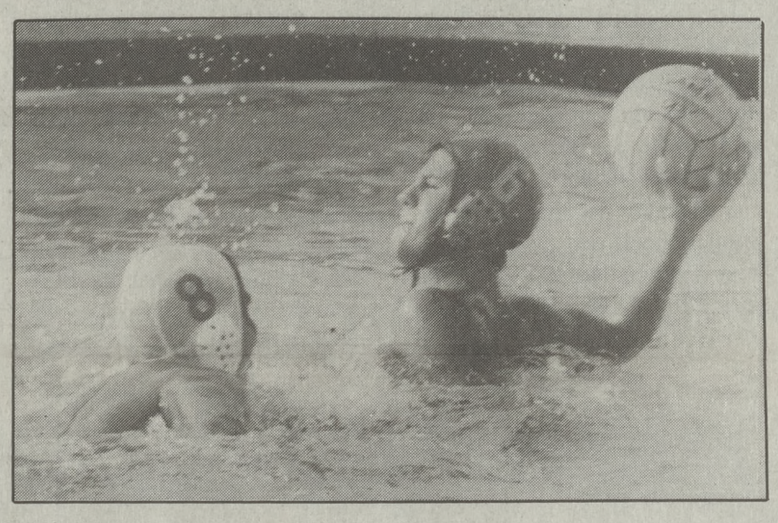
''It saddens me to see young girls getting pregnant,'' she said, ''I want to remain a virgin until I get married.''

Reynoso also donates blood, but she says that her mother would not let her do that anymore. ''My mom says that one of these days I'm going to faint if I keep donating blood.''

She also donated ''a lot'' of canned food in the canned food drive. She likes to help people as much as she can.

She would like to transfer to San Jose State University and major in Business Management. One day she would like to own a travel agency. To help support her agency, she would like to work as a Airline Stewardess and do what she likes to do, travel.

Erica Reynoso is a classy person who does her best at succeeding and at helping people succeed. She does her part at making this world a nicer place for all.



Corky Higgins/Valley Star

Juan Flores (with ball) outmanuevers Rio Honda defender.

Polo team loses 3

Valley's polo team was defeated three times last week against Rio Hondo, Cuesta and Citrus.

The Monarch's lost to Rio Honda 20-11 after falling behind, 9-1 in the first half. A late second half rally lead by Brian Heany's four goals, fell short.

Coach Bill Krauss said the team played much better against Cuesta. Valley trailed 13-10 going into the fourth quarter, only to lose 20-12.

Bruce Park lead the Valley swimmes with four goals playing from the set position.

Against California's fifth ranked team, Citrus, Valley lost a close 12-10 match. Krauss said Valley played with more patience and played sound defense.

The team was lead by Bruce Park's four goals and Josh Fehring's two goals and two assists.

Tomorrow, the Monarchs take on Pierce at Valley. The game begins at 3:30 p.m. and Krauss said the match is a ''big conference game."

- compiled by Andrew Samuelson

This Week's Sports Calendar

Football

Saturday,
at Ventura 7p.m.

Cross Country

Saturday, Santa Barbara Invitational, noon

Water Polo

Friday at Valley
vs. Pierce, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday,
at Santa Monica, 6 p.m.

asu Los Angeles Valley College Associated Student Union working for you

An ASU Membership Card is the
BEST $7 BARGAIN IN TOWN!

- FREE Tutoring
- LIMITED FREE Legal Aid
- Community DISCOUNTS With ASU Card
- AMC & Cineplex Movie Tickets $4.25 in Bookstore for ASU Members
- And MORE . . .

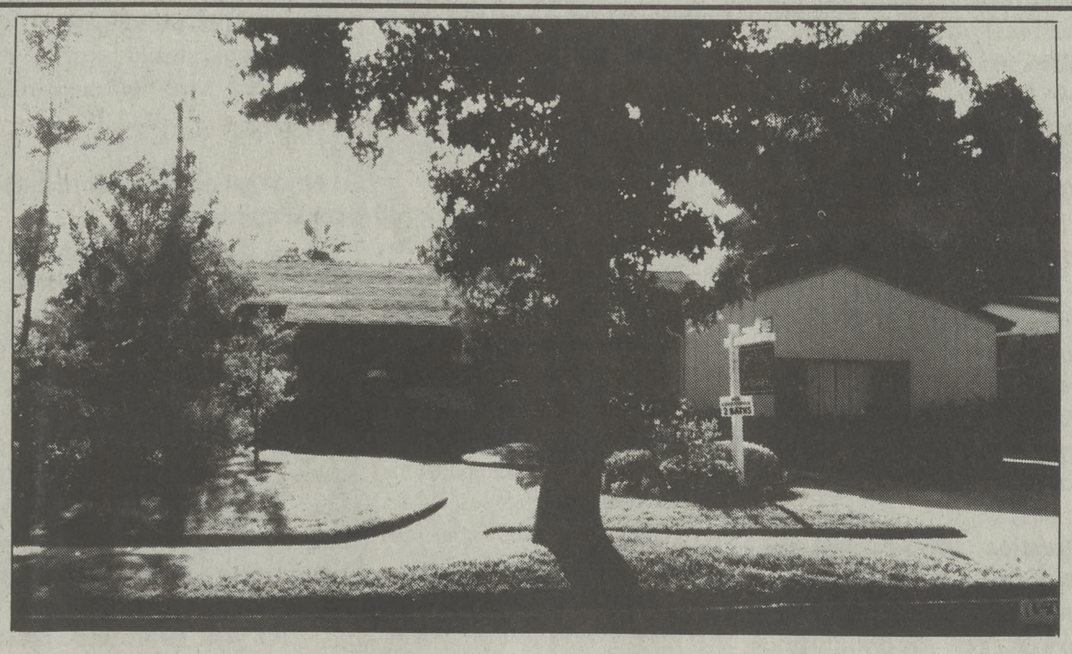
Los Angeles Valley College
Associated Student Union
ASU Working For You

POWER THROUGH UNITY
JOIN YOUR STUDENT UNION

Name _____
SS # _____
Semester _____
Signature _____

Sign Up Now! - CC102

OOOOO



CLOSE TO CAMPUS
Country English Charm
Hardwood Floors. 3BR+ Convertible Den. 2 bas. New Roof, Central Heat/AC. Lush Gardens. Owner Bot. Sac.
Just $189,950.
James R. Gary Co.
Sue Silver 818-513-2527